

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph immediately following the title with the following rewritten paragraph:

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This application is a **DIVISIONAL** of U.S. application Serial No. 09/429,516, filed October 28, 1999, which issued on June 26, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,251,389, entitled HUMAN NUCLEOTIDE PYROPHOSPHOHYDROLASE-2, which is a divisional application of U.S. application Serial No. 08/996,083, filed December 22, 1997, which issued on September 26, 2000 as U.S. Patent No. 6,124,095, entitled HUMAN NUCLEOTIDE PYROPHOSPHOHYDROLASE-2, the contents all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

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Please cancel claims [✓]50, [✓]52, and [✓]63-[✓]64, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 46-47, 51, and 54 with the following amended versions of the claims, and add new claims 65-68. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below.